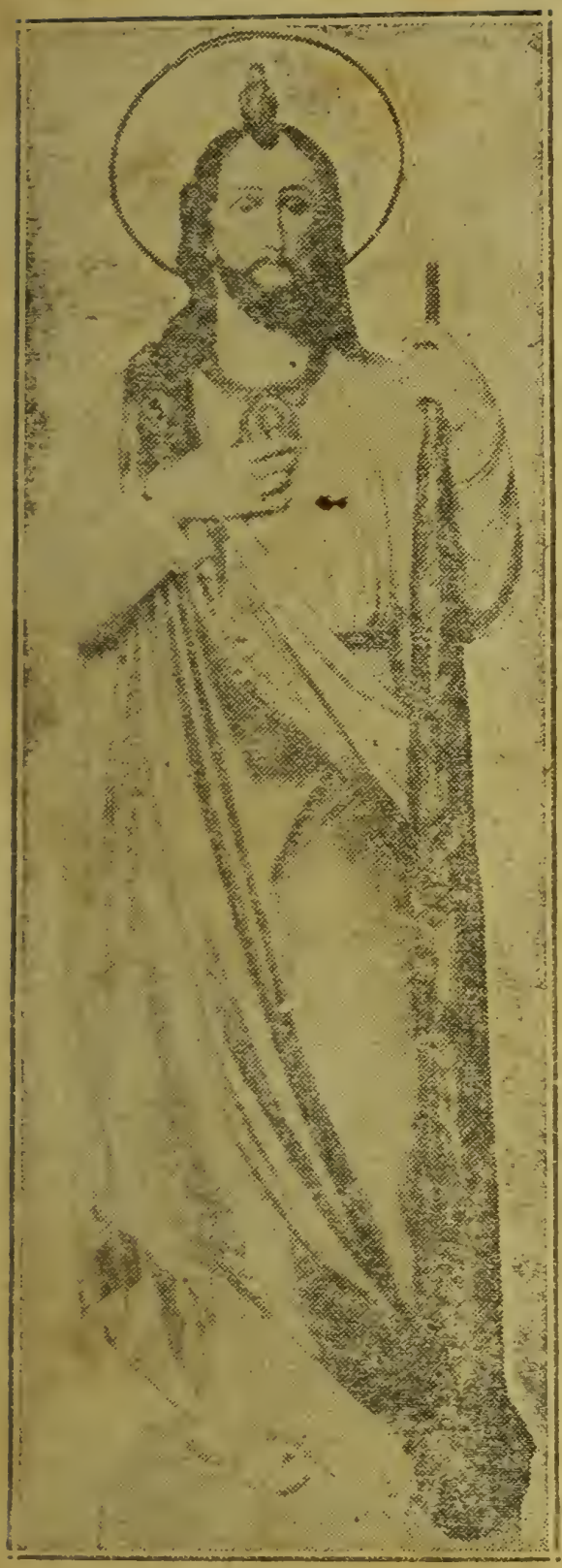

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ST. JUDE THADDEUS

Apostle and Martyr

By reason of the fearful treason of Judas Iscariot against our Saviour, the name of Judas fell into such disrepute that even the holy Apostle Judas Thaddeus suffered thereby. It seems our Lord wishes to repair the honor of this Apostle by giving aid to those in extreme distress, only if they invoke the aid of this saint. Judas Thaddeus was a near relative of Jesus and Mary. This glorious Apostle was most zealous in spreading the Gospel. He converted a multitude of souls, and finished his career by a heroic death.

Our Lord Himself directed St. Bridget to turn with great confidence to St. Jude. "In accordance with his surname 'Thaddeus' (the amiable living)," said Jesus, "he will show himself most willing to help." It is related that this Apostle once appeared to a devout client and expressed his regret that so few Christians think of invoking his aid and protection.

HOW TO OBTAIN THE AID OF ST. JUDE

Holy Mass

One of the most powerful means to obtain the aid of St. Jude in special needs and distress, is to have the holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered in his honor. Nothing gives greater pleasure to the saints than if we offer a Holy Mass in their honor. In great affliction, or to obtain a special favor, one may have a triduum of 3 Masses or a novena of 9 Masses offered in honor of this holy apostle, or assist at Holy Mass for such a number of days, imploring his aid.

Make novenas in honor of St. Jude. Receive Holy Communion in his honor when you ask your favor, and again in gratitude when St. Jude obtains it for you. Also say the "Our Father," "Hail Mary" and "Glory be to the Father," each three times.

Use any of the prayers in this booklet for a novena to St. Jude.

Choose nine Sundays to practice special devotion to St. Jude. Certainly firm confidence in this saint will be bountifully rewarded. God has ordained that He will grant the assistance of His grace to those who in desperate need and abandonment take refuge to St. Jude Thaddeus.

ADVICE IN GRAVE DIFFICULTIES

To those who take refuge to St. Jude, it will be of untold benefit if they give ample alms or perform some other work of mercy in his honor. Nothing gives us a surer pledge of the help of God and the intercession of the saints than works of mercy. St. Leo says, "Prayer has the greatest efficacy to obtain favors from God when it is supported by works of mercy." And St. Gregory of Nazianzen writes, "The merciful have the key to the treasures of God."

Lefer, a pious priest, asserts, "Persons of all classes in the most desperate situations came to me. Frequently all means failed to obtain the longed-for grace until I said to them: 'Practice charity.' If they followed this advice, they invariably received help." "Give to the poor and receive the kingdom of heaven," says St. Methodius. Alms have the power of canceling our debt of sin. A teacher of the interior life writes:

"If there were no poor, there would not be so many mortal sins remitted. The poor are the physicians of our wounds. We can never give the poor as much as we receive from them, because for the piece of bread we give them they issue for us a ticket to heaven."

That is why so many charitable men die a good death, even though they have been great sinners. It is the pronounced experience of many saints, learned men and confessors, that sinners who willingly give alms will not die impenitent. One saint says "Never have I seen a charitable person end with a bad death."

In most beautiful and reassuring words, Holy Scripture recommends and declares the reward of almsgiving: "Blessed is he that understandeth concerning the needy and the poor: the Lord will deliver him in the evil day" (Ps. xl., 1). Yes, surely the one who is compassionate toward the poor will receive mercy at the hour of death.

Be assured then, devout reader, that almsgiving in honor of St. Jude will incline this amiable apostle to succor you in your most hopeless and desperate necessities, as many of his clients have already experienced.

ST. JUDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

On the first Sunday of each month all clients of St. Jude Thaddeus are urged to receive Holy Communion.

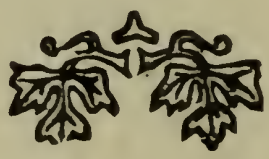
After all the Novena Services on the first Sunday of each month, the True Relic of St. Jude Thaddeus is venerated by the Clients of St. Jude. The Relic of St. Jude Thaddeus in this Church is a fragment of a bone. Documents, authenticating this Relic, may be found at the entrance of the Church.

JESUS, MY LORD, MY GOD, MY ALL

Jesus, my Lord, my God, my all!
How can I love Thee as I ought?
And how revere this wondrous gift,
So far surpassing hope and thought?

Chorus

Sweet Sacrament!
We Thee adore,
O make us love Thee more and more,
  O make us love Thee more and more.
Had I but Mary's sinless heart
  To love Thee with, my dearest King,
O with what bursts of fervent praise
  Thy goodness, Jesus, would I sing!



NOVENA (Prayer in Trials)

Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered thy beloved Master into the hands of His enemies has caused thee to be forgotten by many, but the Church honors and invokes thee universally as the patron of hopeless cases —of things despaired of. Pray for me who am so miserable; make use, I implore thee, of that particular privilege accorded to thee, to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolations and succor of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly . . . (here make your request) and that I may bless God with thee and all the elect throughout eternity.

I promise thee, O blessed Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, and I will never cease to honor thee as my special and powerful patron and to do all in my power to encourage devotion to thee. Amen.

St. Jude, pray for us,
And for all who invoke thy aid.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

O most sweet Lord Jesus Christ, in union with the unutterable heavenly praise with which the Most Holy Trinity extols Itself and which thence flows upon Thy Sacred Humanity, upon Mary, upon all the angels and saints, I praise, glorify and bless Thee for all the graces and privileges Thou hast bestowed upon Thy chosen apostle and intimate friend, Jude Thaddeus. I pray Thee for the sake of his merits, grant me Thy grace, and through his intercession come to my aid in all my needs. but especially at the hour of my death deign to strengthen me against the rage of my enemies. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc., three times.

PRAYER IN GRIEVOUS AFFLICTION

O St. Jude Thaddeus, thou relative of Jesus Christ, thou glorious apostle and martyr, renowned for thy virtues and miracles, faithful and prompt intercessor of all who honor thee and trust thee! Thou art a powerful patron and helper in grievous afflictions. I come to thee and entreat thee from the depths of my heart, come to my aid with thy powerful intercession, for thou hast received from God the privilege to assist with thy manifest help those who almost despair of all hope. Look down upon me; my life is a life of crosses, my days are days of tribulation, and my heart is an ocean of bitterness. All my paths are strewn with thorns and scarcely one moment passes but is witness of my tears and sighs. And withal, my soul is enveloped, in darkness, disquietude, discouragement, mistrust, yes, sometimes even a kind of despair preys upon my soul. Divine Providence seems lost to my sight, and faith seems to falter in my heart. Overwhelmed by these thoughts I see myself surrounded by a dark cloud. Thou canst not forsake me in this sad plight. I will not depart from thee until thou hast heard me. Oh! hasten to my aid. I will be grateful to thee all my life. I will honor thee as my special patron, I will thank God for the graces bestowed upon thee, and will propagate thy honor according to my power. Amen.

LITANY OF ST. JUDE

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven, *Have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the World, *Have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Ghost, *Have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, one God, *Have mercy on us.*

St. Jude, relative of Jesus and Mary, *Pray for us.*

St. Jude, while on earth deemed worthy to see Jesus and Mary, and to enjoy their company, *Pray for us.*

St. Jude, raised to the dignity of an apostle, *Pray for us.*

St. Jude, who hadst the honor of beholding thy Divine Master humble Himself to wash thy feet, *Pray for us.*

St. Jude, who at the Last Supper didst receive the Holy Eucharist from the hands of Jesus, *Pray for us.*

St. Jude, who after the profound grief which the death of thy beloved Master caused thee, hadst the consolation of beholding Him risen from the dead, and of assisting at His glorious Ascension, *Pray for us.*

St. Jude, who wast filled with the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost, *Pray for us.*

St. Jude, who didst preach the Gospel in Persia, *Pray for us.*

St. Jude, who didst convert many people to the Faith, *Pray for us.*

St. Jude, who didst perform wonderful miracles in the power of the Holy Ghost, *Pray for us.*

St. Jude, who didst restore an idolatrous king to health, of both body and soul, *Pray for us.*

St. Jude, who didst impose silence on demons, and confound their oracles, *Pray for us.*

St. Jude, who didst foretell to a weak prince an honorable peace with his powerful enemy, *Pray for us.*

St. Jude, who didst take from deadly serpents the power of injuring man, *Pray for us.*

St. Jude, who, disregarding the threats of the impious, didst courageously preach the doctrine of Christ, *Pray for us.*

St. Jude, who didst gloriously suffer martyrdom for the love of thy Divine Master, *Pray for us.*

Blessed apostle, With confidence *we invoke thee!*

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St. Jude, help of the hopeless, *Aid me in my distress!*

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That by thy intercession, both priests and people of the Church may obtain an ardent zeal for the Faith of Jesus Christ, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That thou wouldst defend our Sovereign Pontiff and obtain peace and unity for the Holy Church, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That all heathens and unbelievers may be converted to the true Faith, *We beseech thee. hear us.*

That faith, hope and charity may increase in our hearts, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That we may be delivered from all evil thoughts, and from all the snares of the devil, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That thou wouldst vouchsafe to aid and protect all those who honor thee, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That thou wouldst preserve us from all sin and from all occasions of sin, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That thou wouldst defend us at the hour of death, against the fury of the devil and his evil spirits, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

Pray for us, that before death we may expiate all our sins by sincere repentance and the worthy reception of the holy sacraments, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

Pray for us, that we may appease the Divine Justice, and obtain a favorable judgment, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

Pray for us, that we may be admitted into the company of the blessed, to rejoice in the presence of our God forever, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,

Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,

Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

St. Jude pray for us,

And for all who invoke thy aid.

PRAYER

Glorious apostle, martyr and relative of Jesus, St. Jude Thaddeus, who didst spread the true Faith among the most barbarous and distant nations; who didst win to the obedience of Jesus Christ many tribes and peoples by the power of His holy Word, grant, I beseech thee, that from this day I may renounce every sinful habit, that I may be preserved from all evil thoughts, that I may always obtain thy assistance, particularly in every danger and difficulty, and that I may safely reach the heavenly country, with thee, to adore the Most Holy Trinity, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, forever and ever. Amen.

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SHORT NOVENA

O glorious Apostle, St. Jude Thaddeus, true relative of Jesus and Mary, I salute thee through the most Sacred Heart of Jesus! Through this Heart I praise and thank God for all the graces He has bestowed upon thee. Humbly prostrate before thee, I implore thee through this Heart to look down upon me with compassion. Oh, despise not my poor prayer; let not my trust be confounded! To thee God has granted the privilege of aiding mankind in the most desperate cases. Oh, come to my aid, that I may praise the mercies of God! All my life I will be grateful to thee and will be thy faithful client until I can thank thee in heaven. Amen.

Mother Dear, Oh, Pray For Me

Mother dear, Oh pray for me
  Whilst, far from Heaven and Thee,
I wander in a fragile bark
  O'er life's tempestuous sea.
O Virgin Mother, from Thy throne,
  So bright in bliss above,
Protect Thy child, and cheer my path
  With Thy sweet smile of love.

CHORUS

Mother dear, Oh, pray for me,
  And never cease Thy care
'Till in heaven eternally
  Thy love and bliss I share.

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Mother dear, Oh, pray for me
  Should pleasure's siren-lay
E'er tempt Thy child to wander far
  From virtue's path away.
When thorns beset life's devious way
  And darkling waters flow,
Then, Mary, aid Thy weeping child,
  Thyself, a mother show.

O Salutaris Hostia

O Salutaris Hostia,
Quae coeli pandis ostium,
Bella premunt hostilia,
Da robur, fer, auxilium.
Uni Trinoque Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria,
Qui vitam sine termino
Nobis donet in patria. Amen.

Tantum Ergo

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui;
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui;
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.
Genitori Genitoque
Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio;
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

(Priest) Panem de coelo praestitisti eis (Allelujah)
(People) Omne delectamentum in se habentem. (Allelujah)
(Priest) Oremus: etc.
(People) Amen.

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

1

Holy God, we praise Thy Name;
  Lord of all, we bow before Thee;
All on earth Thy sceptre claim,
  All in heaven above adore Thee;
Infinite Thy vast domain,
  Everlasting is Thy reign;
Infinite Thy vast domain,
  Everlasting is Thy reign.

2

Hark, the loud celestial hymn
  Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and Seraphim,
  In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord,
  Holy, Holy, Holy Lord;
Fill the heavens with sweet accord,
    Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.

The Novena of St. Jude is held every Sunday afternoon at 2, 3, 4, 5. 6:30, 7:30 and 8.30 o'clock, at

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